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PASS TREASURY FOR VOLCKER

1. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION LAST EVENING, EMILE VAN LENNEP SAID HE WISHED TO INFORM ME OF HIS DECISION TO DECLINE OFFER MADE TO HIM JUNE 6 TO BECOME MANAGING DIRECTOR OF IMF. FOR A VARIETY OF PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL REASONS AND OBLIGATIONS, VAN LENNEP HAS CONCLUDED THAT BEST COURSE IS TO CONTINUE HIS WORK AS EXECUTIVE HEAD OF OECD. HE FEELS HONORED THAT THE IMF JOB WAS OFFERED TO HIM, FULLY RECOGNIZES ITS CHALLENGING CONTENT, AND REACHED HIS DECISION ONLY AFTER DELIBERATION.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, VAN LENNEP SAID HE HAD CALLED ON MINISTER GISCARD D' ESTAING JUNE 19 TO DELIVER HIS DECISION, HAS ALSO INFORMED DUTCH OECD AMBASSADOR AS WELL AS MYSELF AND AUTHORIZES US TO LEAK INFORMATION DISCREETLY. VAN LENNEP OBVIOUSLY ANNOYED ABOUT STATEMENTS ALLEGEDLY GIVEN TO PRESS BY ZIJLSTRA, WHICH COMPLICATE PROBLEM FOR IMF IN RECRUITING CANDIDATE.
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